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REMARKS

Claim 3 is indicated as being allowable if placed in independent form including all the limitations of its base claim. Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 17 and 18 have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

Support for the amendments is found in the existing claims and in the Application description in connection with Figures 5-7 and other places.

All of the limitations of claim 3 have been added to independent claims 1, 6 and 17. Consequently, claims 16 and 17 are deemed to be allowable.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,903,889 - De la Huerga. These claims, as amended, are deemed to be patentable for the reasons given below.

The limitations of allowed claim 3 have been added to independent claim 1. Consequently, withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Dependent claim 2 is considered to be patentable based on its dependence on claim 1.

Amended dependent claim 3 is considered to be patentable based on its dependence on claim 1. Claim 3 is also considered to be patentable because De la Huerga does not show (or suggest) the feature combination of claim 1 involving "receiving a patient record content index and said activity of receiving user entered information identifying at least one patient record to be acquired and a particular section of a patient record to be acquired is performed in response user selection of an item in said patient record content index". De la Huerga does not suggest such a combination and does not contemplate or mention a patient medical record content index.

Amended dependent claims 4 and 5 are considered to be patentable based on their dependence on claim 1 and because of the additional feature combinations they represent.

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Amended independent claim 6 is rejected as being of similar scope to claim 1 and is amended to incorporate the features of allowed claim 3. Therefore, claim 6 is considered to be patentable for similar reasons to claim 1.

Amended independent claim 17 was rejected as being of similar scope to claim 1 and is amended to incorporate the features of allowed claim 3. Therefore, claim 6 is considered to be patentable for similar reasons to claim 1.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 7-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,903,889 - De la Huerga in view of U.S. Patent 5,857,967 - Frid et al.. These claims, as amended, are considered patentable for reasons given in connection with claim 1 and for the following reasons.

Amended claim 7 recites a method for "use by a portable processing device for providing updated patient record information to a patient record information repository, comprising the activities" of "initiating display of a data collection page for collecting data of a patient associated with a particular patient record section; storing updated patient record information acquired by user data entry via said data collection page; generating a URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said updated patient record information and information identifying said particular patient record section and said patient record; and communicating said updated patient record information to said information repository at said address using said generated URL link in response to user selection of a displayed menu icon". These features are not shown or suggested in De la Huerga in combination with Frid.

The system of amended claim 7 involves "initiating display of a data collection page for collecting data of a patient associated with a particular patient record section; storing updated patient record information acquired by user data entry via said data collection page; generating a URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said updated patient record information and information identifying a patient record section". Neither De la Huerga nor Frid, individually or together, suggest such features. Neither Frid nor De la Huerga suggest or contemplate generation of a "data collection" image page for presentation to a user and update of a particular "patient record section" with "updated patient record

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information" acquired by "data entry via said data collection page" associated "with a particular patient record section". Neither Frid nor De la Huerga show or suggest "initiating display of a data collection page for a patient" at all. The web page of Figure 2 of Frid relied on in the Rejection (Rejection page 5 third paragraph) is NOT a data collection page. Specifically in Frid, "FIG. 2 illustrates a web page rendered by the web browser 40 for the example HTML file shown above. The web page for the example blood analyzer device 10 includes a page title 70, a header section 72, a table section 76 containing the medical information obtained from the blood analyzer device 10, and a table header 74. The medical information shown including Patient LD. of 123456, Glucose of 12, and Time-Stamp of Dec. 10, 1996 12:37 was generated in the blood analyzer device 10 and packaged into the HTML file shown above by the web server 14" (Frid column 5 lines 24-37). Consequently, the web page of Figure 2 of Frid shows medical data "generated" in a "blood analyzer device" and NOT a "data collection" image page supporting user "data entry via said data collection page". Frid (with de la Huerga) similarly fails to show or suggest generation of "a data collection page" for collecting data of a patient associated with a "particular patient record section".

Neither De la Huerga nor Frid address the deficiencies of "portable systems" particularly their limited "capabilities for securely accessing, transferring and updating patient record information" and "the location and access of desired patient record data by a user" (Application page 2 lines 3-7). Further, neither reference provides any other motivation or reason for incorporating the claimed features. De la Huerga is primarily concerned with "retrieving, modifying, and storing a plurality of topically, textually, or audio-visually related data records of a plurality of formats on a plurality of databases" (column 1 lines 6-13) and not collecting of patient data using a "portable processing device". As recognized in the Rejection on page 7 de la Huerga does not show or suggest "initiating display of a data collection page" at all. De la Huerga (with Frid) also does not show or suggest "a data collection page" for collecting data of a patient associated with a "particular patient record section". Although De la Huerga discusses processing data of different "data type 136", de la Huerga fails to define "data type" but merely indicates using "a matching data request root address 504, the invention immediately identifies the data type 136 (FIG. 10)". This implies data type is determined based on an address associated with a data request and is NOT related to a particular patient record section. Consequently, De la Huerga (with Frid) fails to provide any 35 USC 112 compliant enabling disclosure of generating "a data collection page" for collecting data of a patient associated with a "particular patient record section".

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In addition, the incorporation of the features of Frid into the De la Huerga system, as suggested by the Rejection, results in a system for communicating data associated with particular data requests between different databases using type information derived from an address associated with a data request. This combined system of Frid with De la Huerga still contains limited "capabilities for securely accessing, transferring and updating patient record information" that the claimed method addresses. Consequently withdrawal of the Rejection of amended claim 7 under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 8-16 are considered to be patentable based on their dependence on claim 7 and any intervening claims for reasons given in connection with claims 1-7. They are also deemed to be patentable because of the additional feature combinations that they incorporate.

Amended independent claim 18 is considered to be patentable for reasons given in connection with claim 7. Claim 18 is also considered to be patentable because De la Huerga with Frid does not show or suggest "storing updated patient record information including additions and deletions to said previously recorded data acquired by user data entry via said data collection page". As previously explained De la Huerga with Frid fails to suggest generation of a "data collection" image page for presentation to a user and update of a particular "patient record section" with "updated patient record information" including "additions and deletions" acquired by "data entry via said data collection page".

Amended dependent claims 19 and 20 are considered to be patentable based on their dependence on claim 18 and because of the additional feature combinations that they incorporate. Consequently withdrawal of the Rejection of amended claim 8-16 and 18-20 under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested

III. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached. The cited references US Patents 6,263,330 and 6,775,670 are deemed to not disturb the patentability of the application.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

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